

**Problems faced by Private Operators in Handling of Cargo**

**1621. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main problems that are being faced by private operators in handling of cargo at ports are the large number of clearances required from various Government agencies;

(b) whether these clearances start right from the gram panchayat and go right upto the Ministry level; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve these problems?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV):** (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such clearances are required for handling cargo by the private operators at Major Ports.

(c) Does not arise.

**Cargo handling facilities at new Mangalore Port**

**1622. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:**

**SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering augmentation/ modernisation of cargo handling facilities at New Mangalore Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new berth expansion projects have been cleared and quantum of funds allocated; and

(d) by when, the work is likely to commence?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The New Mangalore Port is planning augmentation of cargo handling facilities during the 10th Five Year Plan period. However, to add to the Port capacity, an additional General Cargo Berth (Deep Draft Multi-purpose Berth) is scheduled to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 37.54 crores.

(c) The New Mangalore Port Trust Board has approved the proposal to construct a Deep Draft Multi-purpose Berth at a cost of Rs. 37.54 crores in its